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SUBJ: UNIFIL REPORT OF NEW REGROUPING OF PLO IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. UN SOURCE TOLD DPO JULY 2 THAT FRENCH BATT REPORTED FINDING A REGROUPING OF ABOUT 100 ARMED PALESTINIANS IN EIGHT KILO-METER-SQUARE AREA EAST AND SOUTH OF QANA. ACCORDING TO FRENCH REPORT, MEN ARE ARMED WITH RPGS AND AK-47S AND HAVE GOOD COMMO GEAR. THEY HAVE SET UP FIVE OPS AROUND PERIMETER WITH 4-6 MEN AT EACH EXCEPT ONE WITH 15 MEN. ILMAC CHAIRMAN HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH PLO LIAISON OFFICER. ARAFAT HAS ASKED TO SEE SENIOR UNIFIL OFFICER FOR FURTHER TALKS. OUR SOURCE DID NOT KNOW WHEN SUCH MEETING MAY TAKE PLACE.

2. ON POSITIVE NOTE, SOURCE REPORTED THAT NORWEGIANS ON JUNE 30 SUCCESSFULLY TURNED BACK 6 ARMED INFILTRATORS AND TOOK FROM THEM 750 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMO. SENEGALESE TURNED BACK THREE UNARMED BUT IDENTIFIED PALESTINIANS ON JUNE 30 ALSO.

3. COMMENT: REGROUPING OF PALESTINIANS IN FRENCH BATT SEEMS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO INDICATE NON-OBSERVANCE BY PLO OF JONAH'S RECENT INSTRUCTIONS TO UNIFIL TO PREVENT MOVEMENT BY ARMED PALESTINIANS WITHIN UNIFIL AREA. ON OTHER HAND, SENEGALESE SUCCESS IN TURNING BACK UNARMED BUT IDENTIFIED PALESTINIANS APPEARS TO MARK A "FIRST" IN UNIFIL'S IMPLEMENTING JONAH'S DIRECTIVE ABOUT UNARMED PALESTINIANS (JERUSALEM 1746).
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